

## **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER REDFORD  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
LEGAL  
WORKING FILE**

**FROM: GRACE SEAMAN**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2014**

**RE: TDS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AS AGENT  
FOR POTLATCH TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.'S  
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW WIRELESS  
TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH SPRINT  
SPECTRUM L.P.; CASE NO. POT-T-02-01.**

### **BACKGROUND**

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

### **CURRENT APPLICATION**

On February 6, 2014, TDS Telecommunications Corporation as an agent for Potlatch Telephone Company, Inc. ("Potlatch") submitted an Application for approval of a new Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement with Sprint Spectrum L.P. ("Sprint"). This filing replaces the agreement approved by the Commission on June 19, 2002. *See* Order No. 29055. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve the terms and conditions related to interconnection, billing, and the exchange of traffic defined as Access Reciprocal Compensation Traffic and Non-Access

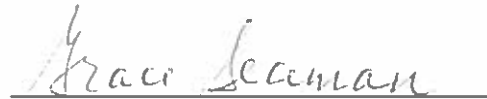
Telecommunications Traffic in accordance with the *USF/ICC Transformation Order, FCC 11-161* (released on November 18, 2011).

#### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

Staff has reviewed the Application and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes the Application is consistent with the FCC orders and pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of Potlatch's new Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement with Sprint.

#### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?

  
Grace Seaman

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